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Col. Earl Mattice, Once Led Adviser Group in Korea

Retired Army Col. Earl Mattice, 67, former chief of the U.S. military advisory group in Korea, died at Walter Reed General Hospital on Monday after a long illness. He lived at 6238 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington.

He gained early knowledge of the Far East in infantry duty in Tiensin, China, during the early 1930s, and was military attache to the U.S. Embassy in Peking from 1936 until 1940.

Stationed in Nanking with the U.S. advisory group to the Chinese military during most of World War II, he later was chief of staff of Chiang Kai-shek's 2nd Army Group.

He was chief of the U.S. military advisory group to the Korean government during the early 1950s. Col. Mattice retired from the Army in 1959, but served as an analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency in 1965.

He leaves his wife, Inez, and a daughter, Alice Lou.

Services were to be today at Ft. Myer Chapel, with burial in Arlington Cemetery.

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